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SUBJECT: raoul wallenberg: former soviet prisoner
claims to have met wallenberg in 1947

his companion returned to the camp, the prisoners assumed
the escape attempt might have been successful.

6. In 1991, exact date unknown, mrs pavlenko says she
visited the swedish embassy in moscow with a letter
detailing her experiences and her contact with
wallenberg. She claims she was turned away without
meeting anyone in an official capacity at the embassy,
but she gave the letter to a militiaman in front of the
embassy to give to a swedish official. About ten days
later, the newspaper 'rabochoye pravo' printed her letter
along with a detailed article about wallenberg. The
paper concluded she was a fraud, because, according to

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the paper, she had never been in camp in the 1940s, but rather had been in jail in the 1970s for embezzlement. However, Mrs Pavlenko provided us with photo copies of her prison documents, substantiating the dates and reason for her imprisonment. She will also provide us with a copy of the newspaper article. She said the article also contained a death certificate sent to NKVD Chief Beria from Gen Abakumov stating that Wallenberg had died on 17 Jul 47 of a heart attack.

7. According to Mrs Pavlenko, the camp where she and Wallenberg were held has long since been destroyed, in her opinion as part of an effort to eradicate traces of Wallenberg. She said she does not believe reports in the

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press that someone had seen Wallenberg in camps in Siberia. She believes this was also part of a deception operation. She believes he was moved from Lubyanka to her camp when Sweden made official inquiries about him, in order to erase traces of his existence. He was put in the dispensary as soon as he arrived, because he was so ill with pellagra. She was in the dispensary because she was suffering from nausea and inability to eat following a long stretch in solitary confinement on bread and water.

8. Mrs Pavlenko was enrolled in drama school in camp in 1951 when an order was issued that everyone in the camp had to work on construction. She tried to escape, but was apprehended and beaten. She was finally released from camp in July 1952.

9. Comment: as Dept and Embassy Stockholm are aware, the official Soviet version of Wallenberg's fate was (and still remains at least as far as we are aware) that he died of a 'heart attack' on July 16, 1947. The dates that Pavlenko cited are not inconsistent with this version, but we believe that the files the Swedes have been given access to show that Wallenberg was in Moscow at the time of his purported death. The POW/MIA team has scheduled another interview with Pavlenko on Thursday July 16. We would appreciate any questions or guidance from addressees by COB July 15. Collins

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